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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)  
SUBJECT: SECVISIT: MISLEADING PRESS ARTICLE ON PERES/VANCE MEETING

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: UNDER THE HEADING "VANCE MAY HOLD TETE-A-TETE WITH PERES" HAARETZ PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE FEBRUARY 9 BY ITS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT MATTI GOLAN: BEGIN TEXT: SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE MAY ASK DEFENSE MINISTER PERES TO HOLD A TETE-A-TETE IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER MEETINGS WITH HIM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TEAM OF LEADING MINISTERS. REPORTS ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY HAVE RECENTLY REACHED JERUSALEM.

2. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, VANCE IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE DELICATE SITUATION HE WILL FIND HIMSELF IN WHEN IN ISRAEL ON THE EVE OF THE LABOR CONVENTION MEETING TO DECIDE THE CHOICE BETWEEN RABIN AND PERES.

3. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF REPORTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS FOR MR. RABIN, MR. VANCE APPEARS TO BE SEEKING A WAY TO PROVE THAT THE U.S. IS NEUTRAL IN THE INTERNAL CONTEST FOR THE PREMIER SHIP.

4. MR. VANCE IS, HOWEVER, ANXIOUS NOT TO MAKE A MOVE THAT MIGHT OFFEND THE PRIME MINISTER. CONSEQUENTLY, HE WILL

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PROBABLY HOLD SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME, DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, IN ADDITION TO HIS MEETINGS WITH THE THREE AS A LEADING TEAM OF MINISTERS.

5. THIS HAS BEEN REPORTED AS A POSSIBILITY ONLY. MR. VANCE WILL PROBABLY DO NOTHING WHICH WOULD MEET THE UNEQUIVOCAL OBJECTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER. END TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED

6. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE GOLAN IS KNOWN FOR HIS ANTI-RABIN VIEWS. HE WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE LAST WEEK STATING THAT AMBASSADOR TOON FAVORED RABIN IN THE CONTEST FOR PRIME MINISTER (SEE TEL AVIV 0756).

7. FOR THE RECORD WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SUGGESTED THE CALL BY PERES ON THE SECRETARY. TO THE BEST OF OUR RECOLLECTION THE MFA OFFICIAL USED A PHRASE LIKE THE FOLLOWING: "THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WOULD LIKE TO PAY A CALL ON THE SECRETARY," WHEN SUGGESTING THAT THE CALL BE INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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